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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

Psychologists

CPT Codes 96101, 96118, 96119 and 96120 Must Be Billed With Modifier

For dates of service on or after July 1, 2008, psychologists enrolled in Montana Healthcare Programs **must bill CPT codes 96101, 96118, 96119 and 96120 with modifier AH (Clinical Psychologists)** in order to receive the current reimbursement amount. If these codes are billed without the modifier, the reimbursement will be a lesser amount.

For services billed with procedure code 96101 AH, psychologists will be reimbursed at the enhanced physician rate. However, a change to the payment system will not be completed until August 1, 2008. For dates of service on or after July 1, lower reimbursement will be made for a temporary period. After the change is implemented, claims for dates of service on or after July 1 billed with procedure code 96101 and the AH modifier will be adjusted to reimburse at the higher rate. **Failing to bill 96101 with the AH modifier will prevent the systematic adjustment of the claims, resulting in lower reimbursement for the services.**

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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